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"Sponsor a German-Jewish Student" Progressing

PROF. KARL LANDAUER TO GIVE SERIES OF THREE LECTURES ON ECONOMICS

Undertakes a Comprehensive Survey of Its Influences

"Economic Influences on Jewish History" will be the general theme of Professor Karl Landauer's forthcoming lecture series, the first of which will take place on Wednesday evening, November thirteenth, at eight o'clock.

Professor Landauer's first lecture will be a survey of the difficulties of the problem: Jewish Contacts with Greeks and Romans. He will deal with the friction and competition in Greek or Roman times.

The second in the series of lectures will be presented on Wednesday, November twentieth, and will treat the subject of "The Economic Function of the Jew in Medieval Times," dealing more specifically with the rivalry between Jewish and Christian merchants and the Jewish migrations. Professor Landauer's third lecture, "The Jew and the Industrial Revolution," will be given on Wednesday, November twenty-seventh, and will tell of the Jews in the Colonial Empire as well as the "Back to the soil" movement.

Interfaith Union Formed; Elects Hillelite Chairman

A plan long cherished by the forward looking men and women of the Campus has come at last to a happy fruition. Twelve religious groups on the Campus representing Catholics, Jews and every section of the Protestant group have organized into a "United Religious Front." The set purpose of the new organization is to defend and advance common ideals and aspirations.

The Catholic group is represented by Newman Hall. The Jewish group is represented by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. In the preponderant Protestant group are the representatives of the University Y. M. C. A., the University Y. W. C. A., the Wesley Foundation, the Westminster Foundation, the Channing Club of the Unitarian Church, and the Congregational, Lutheran, Baptist and Episcopalian groups. This constitutes the most impressive grouping of religious forces that has ever been assembled on the California Campus. At the first meeting of the accredited delegates of the Interfaith Union, Thelma Samuely, '36, Hillel delegate, was elected permanent chairman of the Union.

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Return of Plenipotentiaries Announced By House

(Editor's note: In a moment of unguarded weakness we revealed one of our own private concepts to a heretofore trusted member of the staff; said concept being, "If you can't write it, rhyme it" (or words to that effect). And lo! The dope took the statement literally! Or was it somethin' he et, no doubt? So, listen:

"Ministers Plenopotentiaries"

or

(Happy Days are Here Again)

Listen, my children, and you shall hear,

Of cannon to right, to left, to rear,

Liberty, equality, aw-what the heck?

Rhyming gives me a pain in the neck.

No wonder poets always sound so airy,

Rhyming stuff like plenipotentiary.

There, that's just what I want to say!

This month brings again that famous day,

It's great, it's grand, it's magnificent.

It's — (What in — rhymes with magnificent?)

Orchestra, entertainers, hostesses galore,

Stupendous, tremendous, colossal . . . and more.

November the tenth please remember the date,

If you can't come early, well, just come late,

'Cause last year's crowd, those "In the know",

Will come in droves to this "Greatest Show."

Little Peep Bow,

(Reporter incognito, Jr.)

(2nd Editor's note: In comprehensible language, dear people, he means that you are invited to the House Committee's extra-special brain child event, The Ministers Plenopotentiaries, who will be here November 10.)

Number of Jewish Students Are Admitted to the Bar

Having successfully passed the State Bar Examinations which were given in September, a number of Jewish students, numbering among them many old Hillelites, have been admitted to the Bar.

Those who are now eligible to practice are: Ivan Anixter, San Francisco;

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"SPONSOR A GERMAN-JEWISH STUDENT" DRIVE NEARING COMPLETION

Campaign Leaders Sure Goal of \$450 Will Be Reached

The "Sponsor a German-Jewish Student" drive was launched at an enthusiastic dinner held by the combined membership of the Student Council and the chairmen and sub-chairmen of the various teams organized to carry on the campaign, on Thursday evening, October 17th, at Hillel House.

The first returns announced at the "Kick-Off" dinner amounted to the total of \$155!

The Jewish members of the faculty and of the University administration have given generous assistance in this worthy enterprise; the organized houses and the integrated groups of the campus in almost every case have reached or bettered their assigned quotas. From day to day, the hands of the campaign clock move forward, having reached \$325.00 on the sixth day of the drive.

The spirit and enthusiasm animating the scores of solicitors making up the Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco teams justifies the expectations of those in charge of the campaign that the final day of the drive will see the objective of \$450.00 gained. Following is a statement issued by Myer Kahn, manager of the campaign:

"The generous response of Jewish students and faculty members which accounts for the unprecedented success of this drive proves that Califor-

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Alliance to Fete Students at Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Members of the Jewish student body of the University will be entertained by the California Alliance of Jewish Women at 6:30 p. m., Thursday, November 28th at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Mrs. Lionel Wachs, president of the Alliance, has appointed an active committee to take charge of the affair.

A old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner will be prepared, and invitations will very shortly be sent out to all students who will not be able to enjoy Thanksgiving in their own homes.

It is expected that more than one hundred students will be present at this annual Thanksgiving dinner, which is always a gala occasion. The evening will end with a dance, for which an orchestra will be provided.

The Month in Brief

- Nov. 3, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Palestine Labor League.
 Nov. 5, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
 Nov. 5, Tuesday, 8 p. m. — Hillel Open Forum.
 Theme — "Liberalism at Bay."
 Speaker — Prof. Jacob Loewenberg, Dept. of Philosophy.
 Nov. 8, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Discussion Group.
 Review of Ravusky's "Jews in Palestine" — Nathan Gilbert
 Nov. 10, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Sunday Evening Social.
 Plenipotentiaries — Radio Night.
 Nov. 12, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
 Nov. 13, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Prof. Landauer Lecture Series.
 "Economic Factors in Jewish History."
 1st Lecture — "Competitions, and Migrations in Ancient Days."
 Nov. 15, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Discussion Group.
 Subject — "Position of the Jewish Student" — Dr. Irving Goleman.
 Nov. 17, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Palestine Labor League.
 Nov. 18, Monday, 4:15 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.
 Nov. 19, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
 Nov. 20, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Prof. Landauer Lecture Series.
 2nd Lecture — "Economic Function of the Jews in the Middle Ages."
 Nov. 22, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Discussion Group.
 Review of Kunitz' "Dawn Over Samarkand" — Sanford Goldner.
 Nov. 24, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Presentation of two one-act Plays. Social.
 Nov. 26, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
 Nov. 27, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Prof. Landauer Lecture Series.
 3rd Lecture — "The Industrial Revolution and "Back to the Soil" Movement.
 Nov. 28, Thursday, 6:30 p. m. — Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Hillel House.

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The Sports Horizon

Hillel's able tennis team, consisting of Harold Loeffler and Yale Rosenfeld, once again comes to the fore with a victory.

On Wednesday, October 23, the team met Madrona Hall, in the second match of the season for Hillel.

Yale Rosenfeld took his opponent by a score of 7:5 - 7:9 - 5:3 and then 7:5 - 6:0. Harold Loeffler showed his ability by a score of 6:0 and 6:4. Further tennis matches will take place under intramural sports, with the hope that Hillel retains its superiority.

The men's ping pong tournament is in its semi-final round and will soon be concluded, determining the individual champion. The intramural team will consist of Irving Moss, Art Sarna, Harold Loeffler, Joseph Krinsky, Lester Jasповice, and Walton Goldman, all of whom will be subject to challenge for their position.

The contract bridge tournament has just gotten under way and the hopes are that the tournament will be over before the semester is.

League for Labor Palestine

On Sunday, November 17th, at 8 p. m., the League for Labor Palestine will hold a general meeting open to the public. The speakers of the evening will be Dr. Bernard Kaufman and Bernard Kaufman, Jr., who have just returned from Palestine.

Admitted to Bar

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 Louis Bernheim, San Francisco; Louis Bulasky, San Francisco; Robert Cohen, San Francisco; Harold Cohn, San Francisco; Bert Hirschberg, Jr., San Francisco; Nathan Kessler, Oakland; Stanley Levin, San Francisco; Donald Lobree, San Francisco; Bernard Popoff, San Francisco; Herbert Resner, Berkeley; Sidney Rudy, San Francisco; and Kenneth Zwerin, San Francisco.

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We have been informed of numerous engagements and marriages in which we are sure you, my dear public, would be interested:

Sybil Goldstein, A. E. Phi, and Jack Sanso, Phi B. D.

Ann Dixon, '35, will be married soon to a young man from the north, Albert Douis.

Jean Wise, A. E. Phi prexy, announces her engagement to Kenton Harris, Z. B. T. graduate student.

The Kappy Nu house announced to our snooper the engagement of Charlie Gensler to Edmonda Cohen. Any relation to the Edmond Cohen, Z. B. T.? Anyhow congratulations.

It seems life became too difficult for Erwin Loeffler and Thelma Kahn for both have retired to the Cowell Memorial Hospital. Or was work on the "Call" too much for them?

Well, it also would seem that there are some intellectuals left for we find Thelma Samuely, Hilda Kessler, and Nathan Gilbert among the new Phi Beta Kappas. Furthermore, Jean Lewis, Phi S. S., is now a member of Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish honor society. Nice goin', gang.

Congratulations go to Dorothy Ann Rudman who is now a member of Hammer and Coffin.

We think an orchid should go to Doctor Merritt for his excellent idea for our 1935 Loan Fund Drive.

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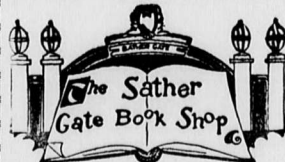
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Hillel Debaters, Speakers Active in East Bay Lodges

Hillel debating teams are preparing to debate with the San Francisco B'nai B'rith Lodge in November. The subject of the debate is "Should America Boycott the German Olympics?"

Members of the affirmative team are Arnold Abrams and Melvin Reder, while Nathan Gilbert and Myer Kahn uphold the negative.

The procedure of carrying the message of Hillel to lodges, societies, and organizations in the Bay District is being continued. On October 14, Rabbi Max J. Merritt, head of the Berkeley Hillel Foundation, presented a Hillel program before the California Lodge of B'nai B'rith in San Francisco. He made the Succoth address and explained the beautiful symbols that characterized the Feast of Tabernacles. The Hillel team consisting of Morton Gaba, Nathan Gilbert, Isabel Goldeen, and Thelma Samuely then discussed the various phases of the Hillel activities. Their addresses were enthusiastically received and the program was voted one of the finest that had ever been presented before the California Lodge.

Rabbi Merritt is now considering taking the Hillel teams to San Jose, Salinas, Fresno, Stockton, Sacramento, and other cities in Northern California. The debate teams will probably go out to many of the B'nai B'rith organizations in neighboring localities in the future.

Sponsor a German Student Drive

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nians have transcended their local interests and rallied to a great humanitarian and educational cause. I feel certain that the success of Hillel's "Sponsor a German-Jewish Student" drive will provide an impetus for other Jewish student bodies throughout the country, so that the advantage of a university education and a free country may be provided for an increasing number of German-Jewish students."

Inter-faith Union Formed

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The first action of the "United Religious Front" represented by the Interfaith Union was to vote sponsorship of Sherwood Eddy, world traveler and commentator on significant world events. Sherwood Eddy will speak under the sponsorship of the Interfaith Union at Wheeler Hall on Tuesday, November 12th, at 4 p. m. The meeting will take the form of a protest against war.

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What's What

With the football season in full swing, most of the activities seem to be centered about it. Open houses, radio dances, and plans for Big Game Night are under way, and everyone is sure to enjoy himself to the nth degree.

Phi Sigma Sigma entertained a large number of girls from their U. C. L. A. chapter, who came up for the Stanford-U. C. L. A. Game. A rally dinner was held before the pajamarino rally, and a radio dance is to be given Friday night, November 8th.

Alpha Epsilon Phi also had a rally dinner Thursday, October 24th. An open-house luncheon was given before the U. S. C. game. Wednesday, October 30th, a Fathers' Dinner was held at the house. The A. E. Phi are making plans for their formal to be given on November 9th at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco.

The pledges of Sigma Delta are entertaining their members at a party to be given November 15th.

Kappa Nu had another radio dance Friday night, October 25th, given by the pledges for the members, and, as usual, a grand time was had by all. A smoker is being planned for November 15th. Also, to top it all, there will be a Big Game Dance the Friday night preceding the game, to be held at the house.

Phi Beta Delta had a smoker Friday night, October 25th. Saturday afternoon, October 26th, following the U. S. C. Game, open house was held, and was climaxed by a dance in the evening. A Big Game Dance is also going to be given at the house November 22nd, and a week later the members will entertain at a Grad Stag Night.

Zeta Beta Tau is evidently behind schedule, for the only social information secured was the Pledge Dance given October 19th, at the house.

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Friday Fireside Forum Functions Ably and Well

Hillel's Fireside Forum continues to maintain consistency in its choice of timely and lively topics for discussion, offering on Friday, October 25th, "Ethiopia and Imperialism," with Nathan Gilbert conducting the group. Equally well received was the discussion on the following Friday, November 1st, at which Julius Nathan was the guest speaker. He chose as his topic, "Rural Labor in California."

On November 8th, Nathan Gilbert will lead the Friday Fireside group in a review of Ravusky's book, "Jews in Palestine", as a preface to the discussion subject for the evening, "A Nationalistic Solution for the Jewish Problem."

Then, on Friday, November 15th, Dr. Irving Goleman, recently arrived from Yale, will discuss with the group the "Position of the Jewish Student." November 22nd brings before the discussion group a review of Kunitz' "Dawn Over Samarkand", by Sanford Goldner, assistant director of Hillel.

All Forum meetings begin "promptly" at 8:30 p. m.

Professor Jacob Loewenberg Open Forum Guest Speaker

Professor Jacob Loewenberg of the Department of Philosophy is scheduled to address the Hillel Open Forum on Tuesday, November fifth, at eight o'clock. Professor Loewenberg will take as his theme the challenging subject, "Liberalism at Bay."

Liberalism today has its back against the wall in every country of the world, not excepting the United States. It will be interesting to learn what hope for liberalism Professor Loewenberg finds in the dark chaotic future.

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Last Call! Last Call!

The semester starts, gets well under way, and boo! it's all over. This one is, or was, no exception. For by the time we have caught up on all the sleep we missed editing this sheet, we'll start losing it again worrying over the finals. And yet it seems only yesterday that we made such a big hole in our pocket when we parted with our twenty-six dollars.

The semester started tranquilly enough. We anticipated much of peace and quietude. So our invaluable assistant editor gets a notion to take sick, war breaks out in Africa, the League becomes beleaguered, and to cap it all, "poor" Mr. Hearst threatens to leave California. But don't worry, anxious public, he won't. For if he should, who will be left to protect the State University and the helpless administration from the dangerous radicals?

As for the Ethiopians, we wonder when they will reach the end of their rope, as we have reached the end of our editorial. Anyhow, in parting till next semester, we say to them and to you, "Well, Abyssinia."

Jewish Students Win Honors

The honor of having won the coveted Golden Key of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society, has been conferred upon five Jewish students this semester. This is an outstanding achievement, and congratulations are being extended to: Abraham Chartok, Nathan Gilbert, Hilda Kessler, Samuel Ruben, and Thelma Samuely.

"Dawn Over Samarkand"

A Review by Sanford Goldner

Here is revolution criss-crossed with tribal feuds, holy wars, and the whole accumulated putrefaction of Central Asia. The revolution had done its work in metropolitan Russia in November, 1917. But the whole hinterland of the former Russian Empire was still to be won.

If Russia of the pre-revolutionary days earned a reputation for stagnation, and for having preserved without change its long past, Central Asia was even more distinguished in this respect. Russia had at least its Peter and Catharine. Central Asia in 1917 was the same land over which Alexander, Ghengis Khan and Tamerlane had traversed. A few robber rulers held absolute control, either by their own efforts or by accepting the protection of the crown. The masses served one end: the cultivation of raw materials. In return the masses suffered along without education, without health facilities and in the squalor and complete poverty of primitive peoples.

Mr. Kunitz's development of the revolutionary struggle clearly illuminates the battle of factions and ideas in this immense awakening. Lenin and his followers were aware that these peoples were prey to a thousand credulities and treated them as delicately as they would a problem child. The reaction of the robber rulers who intited an ally in Britain and who retained power, with Britain's grace, until 1920, made the Communist task seemingly insuperable. The total outcome is, from a strategic point of view, a more miraculous victory than the coup in Moscow.

Then came the dawn. Central Asia is being irrigated, electrified, sanitized, modernized. Its vast population is swinging to the tempo of five-year plans. And its poets are lifting exaltations to the Bolsheviks and to Lenin. Kunitz's work is liberally larded with quotations from these poets. A literary man himself, he has garnered bushels of verse. So that a good portion of Asiatics are made out to be poets.

Withal, this volume is as exciting as its name.

Professor Harold Laswell at Hillel

Professor Harold Laswell, visiting professor of politics and propaganda from Chicago University, who has been welcomed with enthusiasm on the California Campus, was an October guest speaker before the Hillel Open Forum. His brilliant address, "Exposing the Nazi Mind", will be long remembered.

Characteristically, Professor Laswell was not concerned with the atrocities, concentration camps, and the surface manifestations of Nazism. He explored the causes for the Nazi upheaval that were to be found in the undercurrents of German life. He pointed out the great split in the vast middle class in Germany. One section of that lower middle class threw in its lot with the proletariat, adopting its slogans and symbols. Another great section, suffering from a grievous loss in "psychic income" and bound to the conservative elements in Germany made fertile soil for the Nazi propaganda that offered so much in "psychic compensation."

In dealing with the Fascist currents in America, Laswell declared that it was improbable that the Jew in America would be made to serve as the scapegoat. He listed as much better scapegoats in the United States: first, radical professors; second, communists; and third, the negro. If Fascism were to become popular in the United States, he was of the opinion that it would take sectional forms and each section would concentrate on a favorite scapegoat.

Professor Kaun's Lecture Series Given

Professor Alexander Kaun of the Slavic Department delivered a notable series of lectures at Hillel in October under the auspices of the Educational Committee. His general theme was "The Jew in Russia." His first lecture was a historical survey of the position of the Jew in Russia from the time of the earliest monuments that registered Jewish life down to the reign of Nicholas II.

Professor Kaun's second lecture dealt with the spiritual forces that Russian Jewry called to its aid in the long and desperate struggle with the forces of oppression. He described the misnagdim, the interpreters of rigid orthodoxy, the hassidim, the escapists who flung themselves into exaggerated forms of joy and happiness; and the maskilim, the followers of enlightenment.

Professor Kaun's third lecture dealt with Russian Jewry in the post-war period. He pointed out that the first effects of the Russian Revolution were calamitous for the Jew since the full force of Soviet power was directed against the middlemen — those who had been forced into trading for a livelihood and had been denied access to the land and the factory. However, by a gradual adjustment Russian Jewry has been absorbed into the productive life of the nation. Today, less than ten percent of the Russian Jewry is reckoned among the unproductive elements and the government has shown considerable favor toward the Jews. The lecturer concluded by stating that Russian Jewry has every reason to be profoundly grateful to the Soviet rulers.

THE DIRECTOR SPEAKS

The Spirit of the International House

The widespread interest in and sympathy for the unique drive launched by the Jewish student body has been one of the most gratifying things experienced in all the years that the Hillel Foundation has functioned on this Campus. Unsolicited contributions have come in from non-Jews on the Campus. The Daily Californian has been generous in the space it has devoted to the progress of the Drive.

But the most gratifying, the most generous and the most spontaneous of the manifestations of interest in and support for the "Sponsor a German-Jewish Student Drive" has come from the International House. Mr. Allen Blaisdell, the director of the International House, has offered the beneficiary of the "Sponsor a German-Jewish Student Drive" a rent-free fellowship for one year at the palatial home on the hill.

That generous offer symbolizes the spirit of the California Campus. It reflects the characteristic reaction of the true America to the helpless victims of bigotry and intolerance. It is a continuance of the gracious tradition that for a century and a half has made our country the haven to which the harried victims of persecution could turn their eyes with hope.

The generous offer of the International House presents a striking contrast to the Nazi policy. There the set purpose to cut the Jew off from all contacts with his neighbor takes new forms and constantly accelerates its pace. The International House welcomes the refugee to the healing balm that lies in the rich and varied contact with the widest possible range of sympathetic personalities. Our thanks are due to the spirit of the International House and its guiding genius, Allen Blaisdell.